

**A METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR DETECTING NEAR IDENTITIES  
IN LARGE DNA DATABASES**

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

5           The present invention provides a solution to the needs described above through  
a system and method for efficiently detecting near identities in large DNA databases.  
The system and method disclosed herein make use of an algorithm used to construct  
and maintain unique DNA databases wherein the unique database contains no two  
DNA sequences such that one is nearly identical to a region of the other. The system  
10       and method are applicable to problems such as an all against all comparison of all the  
DNA sequences in a large DNA database, clustering and assembling ESTs into the  
cDNAs that generated the ESTs, mapping assembled ESTs onto genomic sequence,  
mapping cDNAs onto genomic sequences and locating alternately spliced cDNAs.

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